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HERO -
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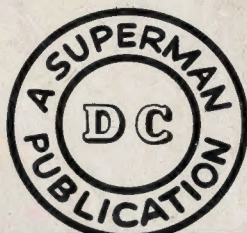
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Says:

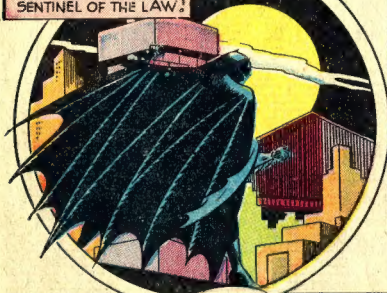
"FOR SURPRISES, READ MY EXCITING LIFE STORY APPEARING IN YOUR FAVORITE MAGAZINE! IT TELLS HOW BATMAN AND ROBIN JOINED FORCES WITH MY BOSS, THE PENGUIN, WHEN THE FIRST CRIME OF ITS KIND IN CRIMINAL HISTORY CENTERED ABOUT ME..."

"PEE-WEE, THE TALKING PENGUIN."





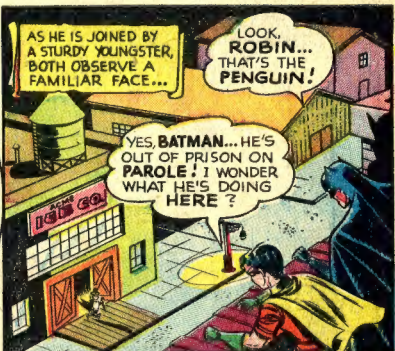
AN AWESOME FIGURE STANDS POISED AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY OVER GOTHAM CITY, **BATMAN**... MIGHTY SENTINEL OF THE LAW!



AS HE IS JOINED BY A STURDY YOUNGSTER, BOTH OBSERVE A FAMILIAR FACE...

LOOK, **ROBIN**... THAT'S THE **PENGUIN**!

YES, **BATMAN**... HE'S OUT OF PRISON ON **PAROLE**! I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING HERE?

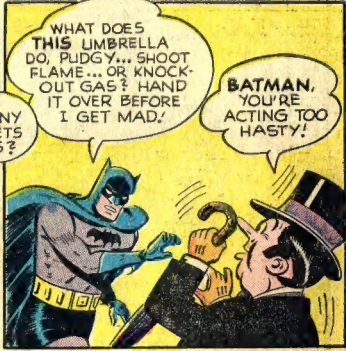


CAREFUL, **BATMAN**... THAT'S PROBABLY ONE OF HIS THOUSAND TRICK UMBRELLAS!

HELLO, **PUDGY**... HATCHING ANY NEW RACKETS THESE DAYS?

WHAT DOES **THIS** UMBRELLA DO, **PUDGY**... SHOOT FLAME... OR KNOCK-OUT GAS? HAND IT OVER BEFORE I GET MAD!

BATMAN, YOU'RE ACTING TOO HASTY!



SUDDENLY... FOOTSTEPS BEHIND THE CRIME-FIGHTERS...

OH-OH! ONE OF THE **PENGUIN'S** MOB! I'LL TAKE HIM WITH A ROUNDHOUSE PUNCH!

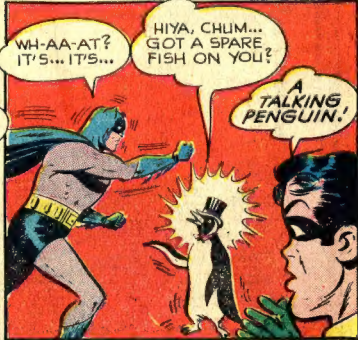
WHO ARE YOUR PALS, BOSS?

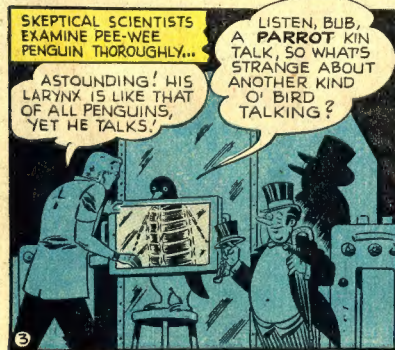
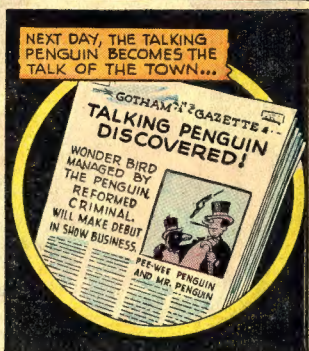
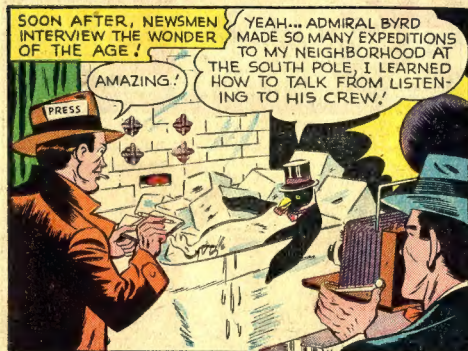
GREETINGS, PEE-WEE!

WH-AA-AT? IT'S... IT'S...

HIYA, CHUM... GOT A SPARE FISH ON YOU?

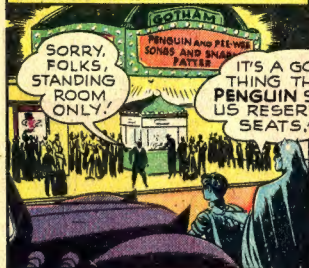
A **TALKING PENGUIN**!





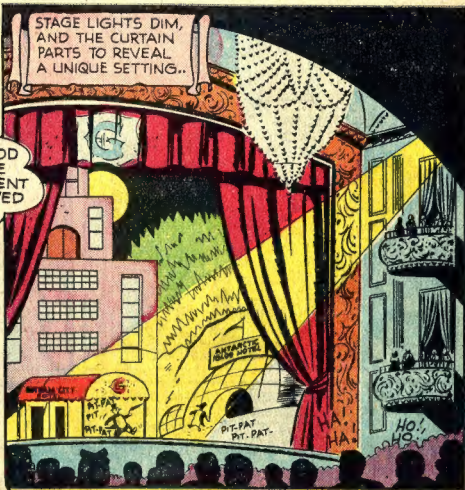


ONE WEEK LATER, AN ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE FLOCKS TO THE PREMIERE PERFORMANCE OF "THE PENGUIN AND PEE-WEE... SONGS AND SNAPPY PATTER"...



SORRY, FOLKS, STANDING ROOM ONLY!

IT'S A GOOD THING THE PENGUIN SENT US RESERVED SEATS!



STAGE LIGHTS DIM, AND THE CURTAIN PARTS TO REVEAL A UNIQUE SETTING...

THE AUDIENCE APPLAUDS WILDLY AS TWO FIGURES PATTER INTO VIEW...



HARRUMPH, I'M A HUMAN. I'M NO RELATIVE OF YOURS, BIRD-BEAK!

HI, COUSIN, WHAT'S BUZZIN'?



QUIET, YOU CONVERSING CURIOSITY. YOU PHONETIC PHENOMENON! WHY DON'T YOU TRADE IN YOUR TUXEDO FOR SOME FEATHERS?

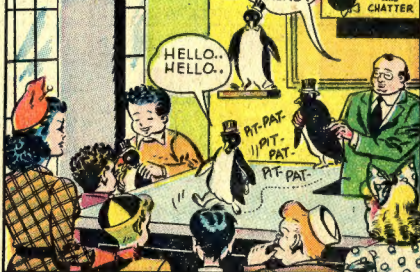
YOU GOTTA CONVINCE ME, BUB! I COULD USE YOUR BEAK FOR A SKI SLIDE!

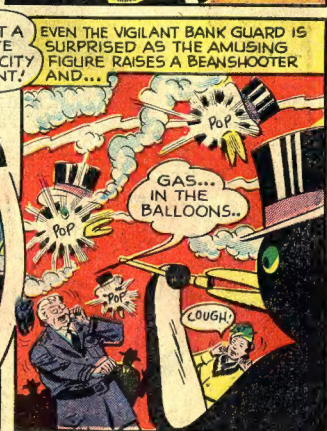


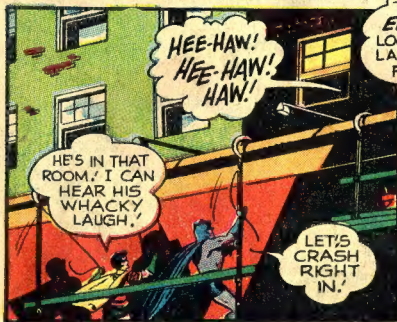
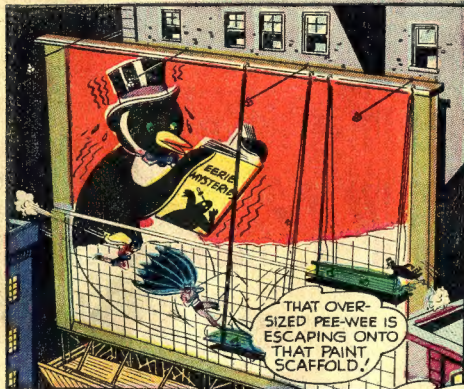
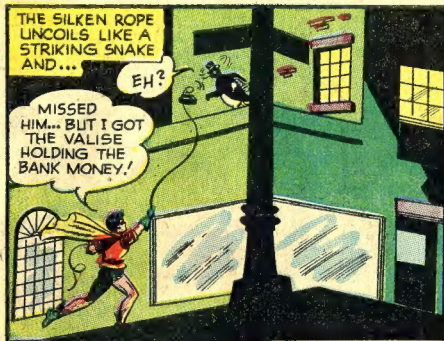
AFTER THE COMEDY ROUTINE, THE ACT ENDS WITH A THEME SONG...

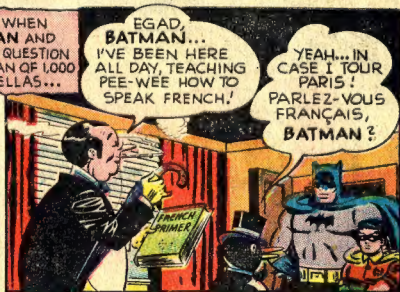
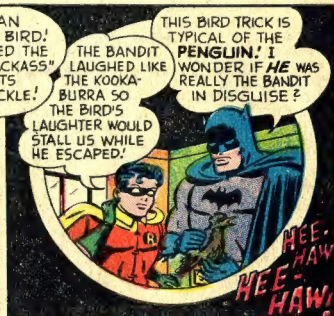
PIT PAT, PIT PAT, PIT PAT, THAT'S THE PEE-WEE PENGUIN WALK. PIT PAT, PIT PAT, PIT PAT, THE WALK OF THE BIRD WHO CAN WALK. HE DOESN'T FLY, IN THE SKY. HE DOESN'T FLY, HE WON'T TRY. PIT PAT, PIT PAT, PIT PAT, HE JUST KEEPS PATERING BY!

PIT-PAT. PIT-PAT.





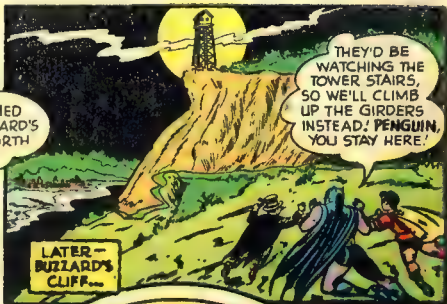




PRESENTLY, AN ODD SITUATION, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** JOIN FORCES WITH THEIR FORMER ADVERSARY, **THE PENGUIN**.

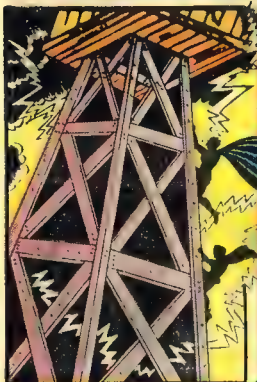
...AND AS THEY GRABBED PEE-WEE, I OVERHEARD ONE OF THE KIDNAPERS MENTION A FOREST RANGER TOWER!

THAT COULD BE THE ABANDONED TOWER ON BUZZARD'S CLIFF! IT'S WORTH CHECKING!



THEY'D BE WATCHING THE TOWER STAIRS, SO WE'LL CLIMB UP THE GIRDERS INSTEAD! **PENGUIN**, YOU STAY HERE!

LATER - BUZZARD'S CLIFF...



STORM CLOUDS GATHER AND A LIGHTNING FLASH ILLUMINATES TWO HUMAN FLIES ON THE SPIDERWEB OF STEEL!

THEN!



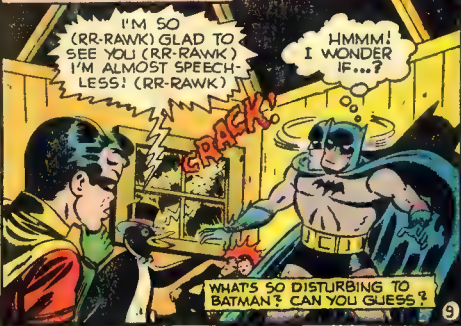
SAD-EYES! NOW YOU'VE REALLY GOT A RIGHT TO BE SAD!

OUTSIDE, A STORM APPROACHES, BUT INSIDE A "STORM" HAS PASSED!



BATMAN AND ROBIN!

Y-YEAH



I'M SO (RR-RAWK) GLAD TO SEE YOU (RR-RAWK) I'M ALMOST SPEECH-LESS! (RR-RAWK)

HMMM! I WONDER IF...?

WHAT'S SO DISTURBING TO BATMAN? CAN YOU GUESS?

SUDDENLY, CRAZY, FAMILIAR LAUGHTER ECHOES FROM BEHIND-AND THEN **BLACKNESS!**



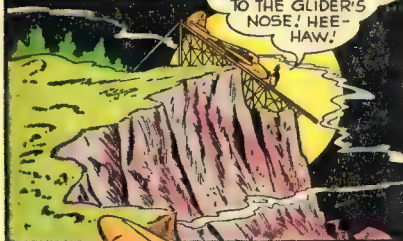
PENGUIN, WE SURE EARNED THAT \$20,000 YOU PROMISED US FOR FAKING A KIDNAPING OF PEE-WEE.

INDEED, YES! THE "KIDNAPING" LED **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** INTO A DEATH TRAP! AS LONG AS THEY'RE ALIVE, I'LL ALWAYS BE UNEASY-**SO THEY MUST DIE!**



LATER, THE GANGBUSTERS AWAKE-ON THE BRINK OF DEATH!

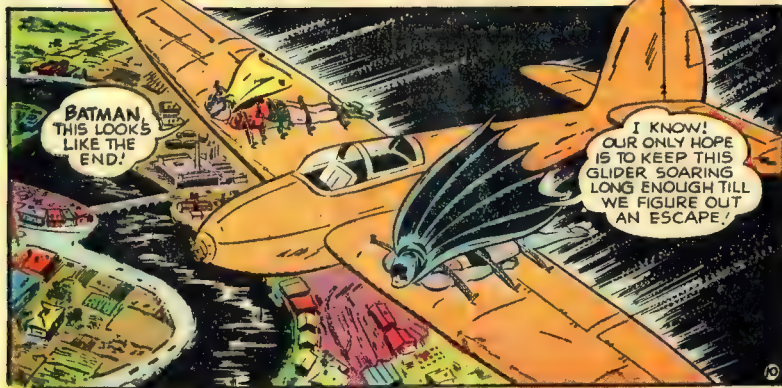
THIS OLD GLIDER RAMP COMES IN HANDY! WHEN YOU GLIDE TO EARTH, THE SUDDEN JAR WILL EXPLODE THE NITRO-GLYCERINE I'VE TIED TO THE GLIDER'S NOSE! HEE-HAW!



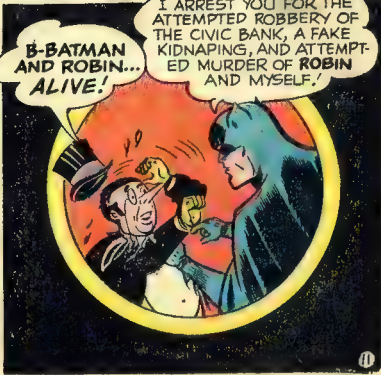
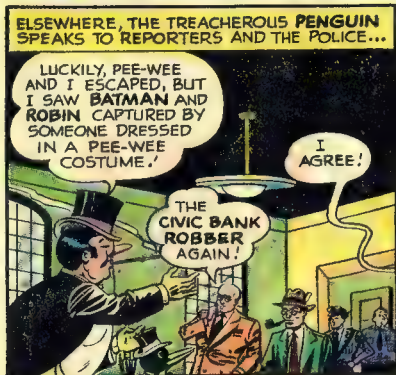
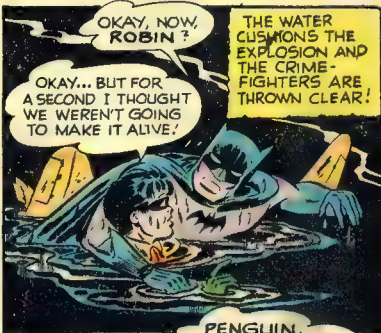
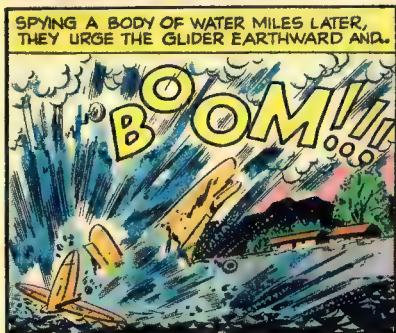
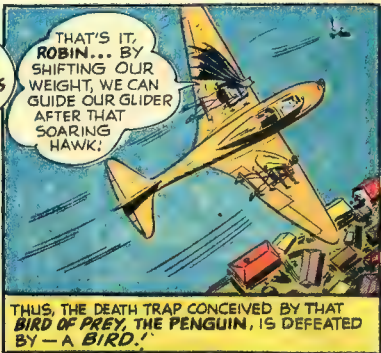
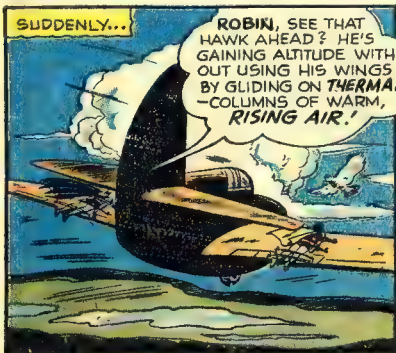
DOWN THE RAMP SLIDE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, LAUNCHED FOR A FLIGHT INTO OBLIVION!



BATMAN THIS LOOKS LIKE THE END!



I KNOW! OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO KEEP THIS GLIDER SOARING LONG ENOUGH TILL WE FIGURE OUT AN ESCAPE!



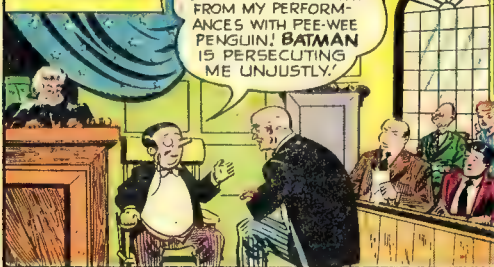


FLASH! THE PENGUIN'S TRIAL DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR ONE WEEK FROM TODAY! BATMAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED SPECIAL PROSECUTOR...

ON THE AIR



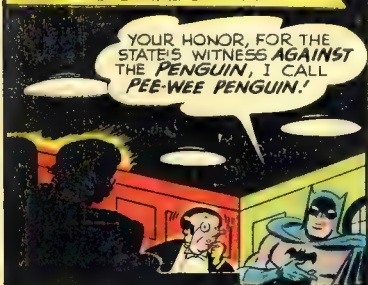
AT HIS TRIAL, THE PENGUIN MAKES A PLEA TO THE JURY...



WHY SHOULD I ROB THE CIVIC BANK?! I'M WEALTHY FROM MY PERFORMANCES WITH PEE-WEE PENGUIN! BATMAN IS PERSECUTING ME UNJUSTLY!

BUT BATMAN PULLS OUT A SURPRISE FROM HIS LEGAL SLEEVE...

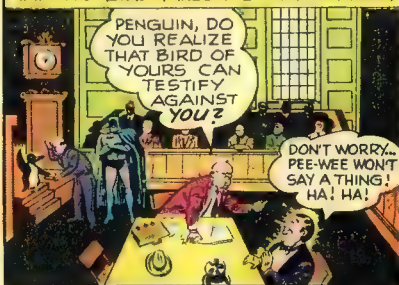
YOUR HONOR, FOR THE STATE'S WITNESS AGAINST THE PENGUIN, I CALL PEE-WEE PENGUIN!



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LEGAL HISTORY, A TALKING BIRD TAKES THE WITNESS STAND!

PENGUIN, DO YOU REALIZE THAT BIRD OF YOURS CAN TESTIFY AGAINST YOU?

DON'T WORRY... PEE-WEE WON'T SAY A THING! HA! HA!



BUT THE PENGUIN IS IN FOR A SHOCK AS PEE-WEE CONFIRMS BATMAN'S CHARGES...

YOU SAY YOU SAW THE PENGUIN PUT ON THAT "PEE-WEE PENGUIN" COSTUME?

SURE! HE'S AS PHONEY AS THE "KIDNAPING" HE FIXED UP FOR ME.



I OBJECT! THIS IS ALL A TRICK! THAT BIRD CAN'T TALK! I OUGHT TO KNOW! THE COURT CAN'T ACCEPT THE TESTIMONY OF A BIRD THAT CAN'T TALK AND NEVER COULD!



TOO LATE, THE PENGUIN REALIZES HE HAS WALKED INTO A CLEVERLY LAID LEGAL TRAP!

SO - YOU ADMIT PEE-WEE IS A HOAX!

(GULP) I... I... OH... ROBIN... HE SPOKE INTO MY UMBRELLA HANDLE!

NOW, THE JURY REALIZES BATMAN IS NOT PERSECUTING THE PENGUIN UNJUSTLY AND...

YOUR HONOR, WE FIND THE PENGUIN GUILTY AS CHARGED!

THEN, BATMAN REVEALS TO THE JURY THE SECRET OF THE BIRD THAT COULD "TALK"!

ONE RADIO WIRE ABOUT THROAT EXPOSED. WHEN SLIGHT ELECTRIC CURRENT PASSED THROUGH, IT TICKLED PEE-WEE'S THROAT, FORCING HIS MOUTH OPEN FOR "TALKING"!

BOW TIE ENDS CONTAIN RADIO RECEIVER.

EXPOSED RADIO WIRE.

PENGUIN USED VENTRILOQUISM TO BROADCAST INTO RADIO CONCEALED IN UMBRELLA HANDLE.

BOW TIE KNOT HAS HIDDEN AMPLIFIER WHICH MAGNIFIED PENGUIN'S VENTRILOQUISM VOICE SO IT SEEMED THAT PEE-WEE "TALKED"!

ONE QUESTION - WHEN DID YOU REALIZE PEE-WEE'S "VOICE" WAS WORKED BY RADIO?

REMEMBER THE LIGHTNING STORM AT THE RANGER TOWER? WHEN PEE-WEE "SPOKE" TO ME THERE, HIS "VOICE" WAS FULL OF STATIC!

LATER...

BECAUSE THE PENGUIN'S DEFENSE COULD BE THAT THE KIDNAPERS KILLED THE REAL PEE-WEE AND SUBSTITUTED ANOTHER BIRD FOR HIM! SO I HAD TO MAKE THE PENGUIN HIMSELF ADMIT THE HOAX!

WHY DIDN'T YOU EXPOSE PEE-WEE WHEN THE TRIAL STARTED?

AS FOR PEE-WEE - SOME MONTHS LATER AT THE LOCAL ZOO, HE IS QUITE CONTENT NOT TO TALK...

GLUG-GLUG!

GLUG!

THE END

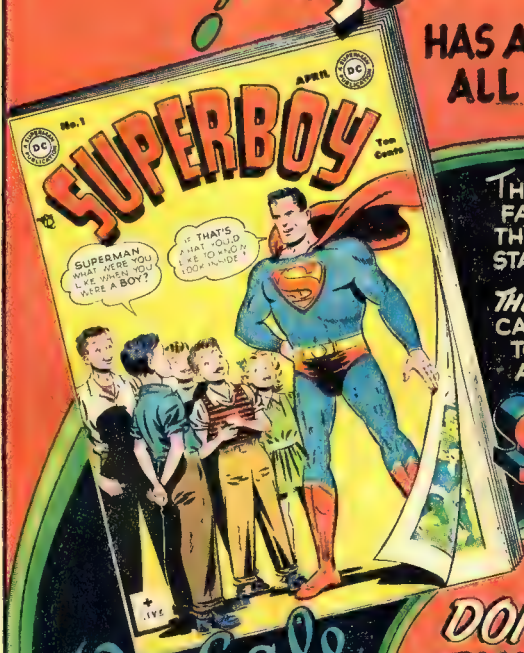
... FOR ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS, AND LOVE IS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE!

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— AND NOW

SUPERBOY

**HAS A MAGAZINE
ALL HIS OWN!**



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OF
THE MAN OF STEEL
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WHEN HE
WAS A BOY!

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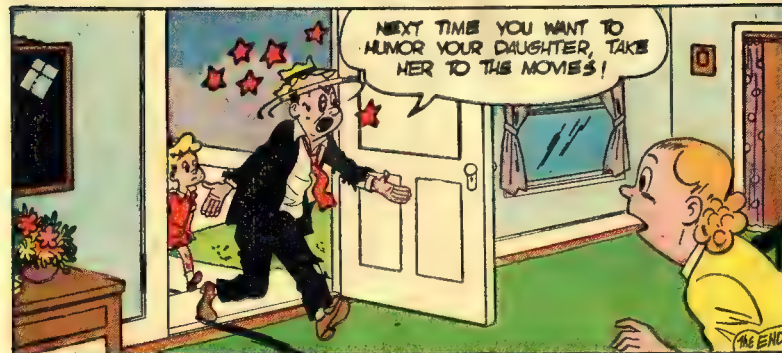
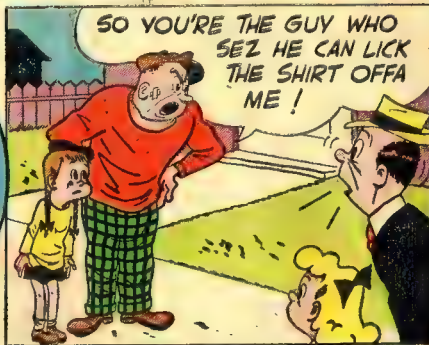
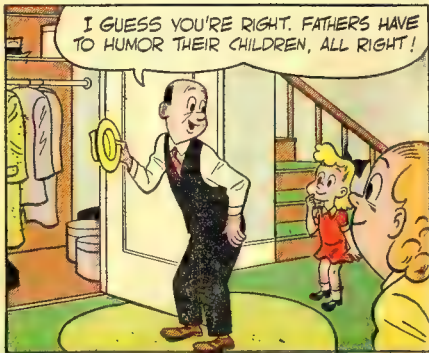
DADDY!
OH DADDY!THERE'S A NEW GIRL DOWN THE
STREET -- SHE SAYS HER FATHER IS THE
STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD AN'
CAN LICK ANYBODY!-BUT I TOLD HER MY DADDY
IS -- AN' WE WERE COMIN'
OVER TONIGHT TO SEE
HER DADDY!

WHAT?

OH, DON'T TAKE IT SO
SERIOUSLY--YOU KNOW HOW
CHILDREN ARE!



BATMAN





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BATMAN

With

ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

HARMAC WAS A GREAT MAGICIAN, BUT THEY SAID HE WAS THROUGH. ROLFE HAD BEEN A FAMOUS STAGE ACTOR, BUT NOW THEY CALLED HIM A "HAS-BEEN." THE WORLD HAD APPLAUDED THE DAREDEVIL "FLYING CARROLLS," BUT NOW THEY WERE CALLED "FAILURES!" BUT EACH OF THEM DREAMED OF MAKING A COMEBACK. AND WHEN A CRIMINAL USES THEIR PATHETIC HOPE TO FURTHER HIS OWN EVIL SCHEME, **BATMAN AND ROBIN** STRUGGLE WITH ALL THEIR COURAGE TO RESTORE THE SHATTERED DREAM OF...



THE STARS OF YESTERDAY!



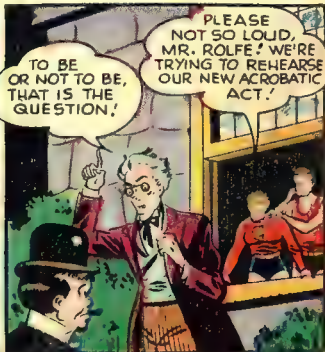
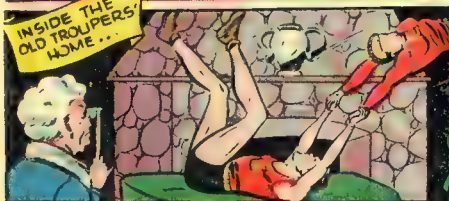


THE OLD TROUPERS' HOME, NEAR GOTHAM CITY, IS A PLACE WHERE THE THEATER GLORIES OF FAMOUS OLD PERFORMERS STILL LIVE IN MEMORY!

I WAS THE MOST POPULAR COMEDIAN ON THE STAGE, MR. ROLFE! I EVEN ENTERTAINED THE KING OF ENGLAND!

BUT AFTER ALL, TOTO, COMEDY IS AN INFERIOR BRANCH OF THE THEATER. NOW, AS HAMLET, I TOOK THE WORLD BY STORM!

INSIDE THE OLD TROUPERS' HOME...

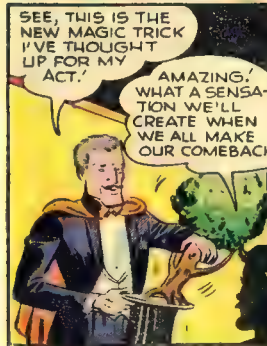


TO BE OR NOT TO BE, THAT IS THE QUESTION!

PLEASE NOT SO LOUD, MR. ROLFE! WE'RE TRYING TO REHEARSE OUR NEW ACROBATIC ACT!

I MAY BE A HAS-BEEN ACTOR, BUT THE CARROLLS ARE STILL GREAT ACROBATS!

YES! I, HARMAC THE MAGICIAN, WOULD LIKE THEM ON THE BILL WITH ME WHEN I MAKE MY COMEBACK!



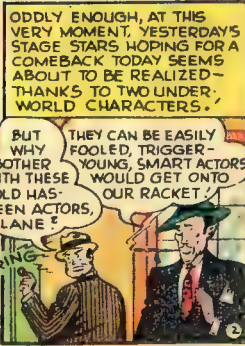
SEE, THIS IS THE NEW MAGIC TRICK I'VE THOUGHT UP FOR MY ACT!

AMAZING! WHAT A SENSATION WE'LL CREATE WHEN WE ALL MAKE OUR COMEBACK!



BUT SOMEHOW, NO PRODUCER WANTS TO HAVE ANY OF US ANY MORE! MAYBE WE'RE TOO OLD!

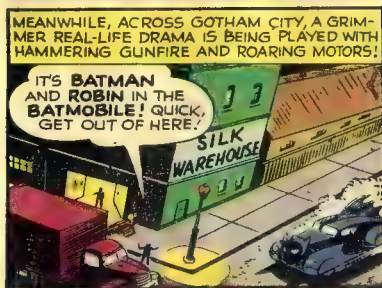
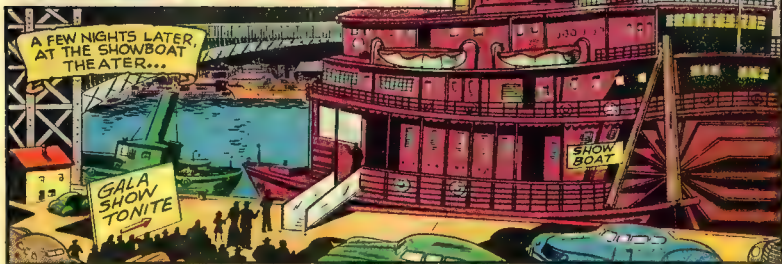
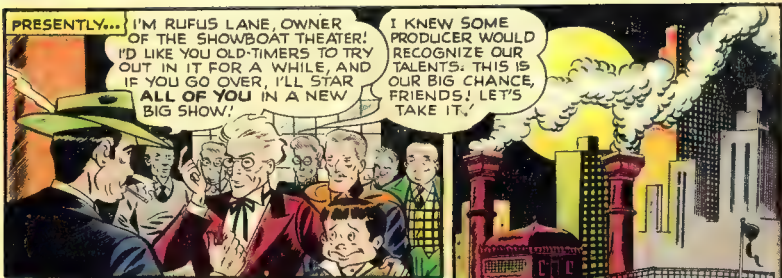
NONSENSE, TOTO! WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF OFFERS SOON—AND WILL COME BACK TO EVEN GREATER FAME!

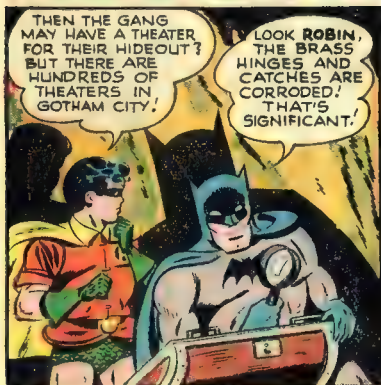
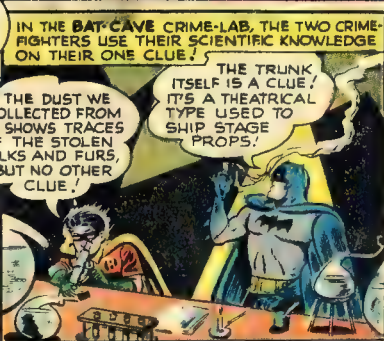
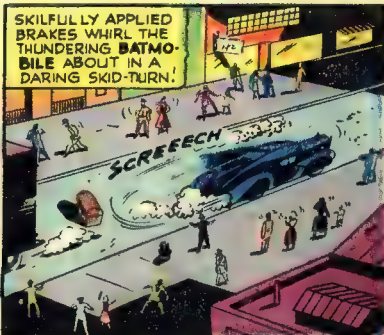
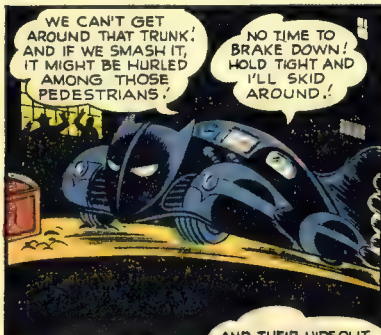


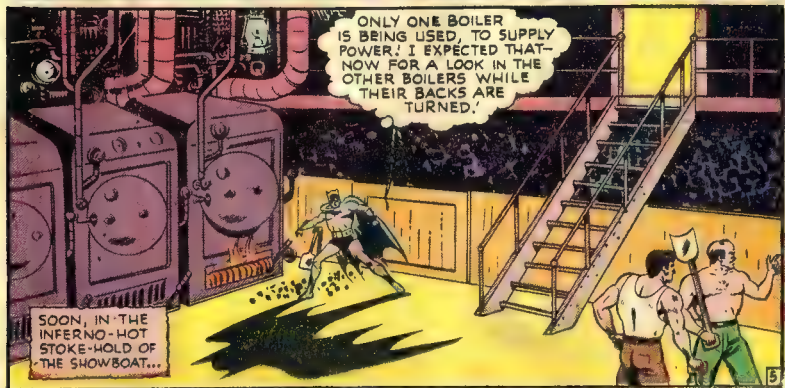
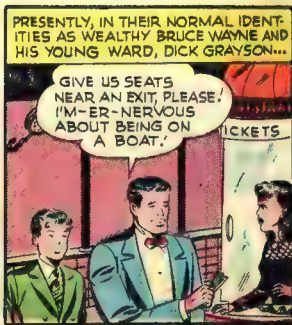
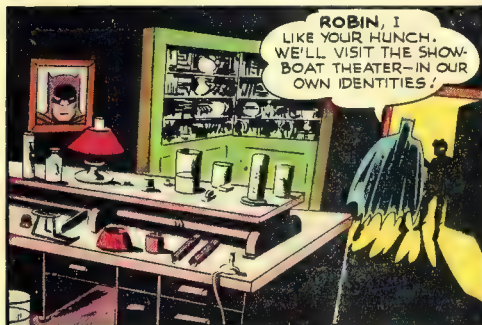
ODDLY ENOUGH, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, YESTERDAY'S STAGE STARS HOPING FOR A COMEBACK TODAY SEEMS ABOUT TO BE REALIZED—THANKS TO TWO UNDERWORLD CHARACTERS.

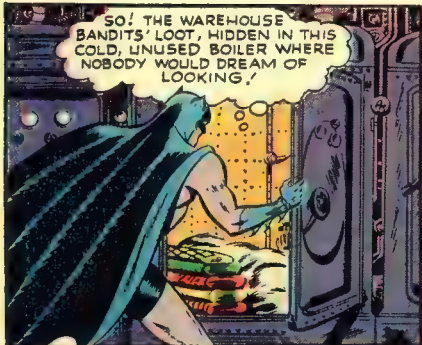
BUT WHY BOTHER WITH THESE OLD HAS-BEEN ACTORS, LANE?

THEY CAN BE EASILY FOOLED, TRIGGER-YOUNG, SMART ACTORS WOULD GET ONTO OUR RACKET!

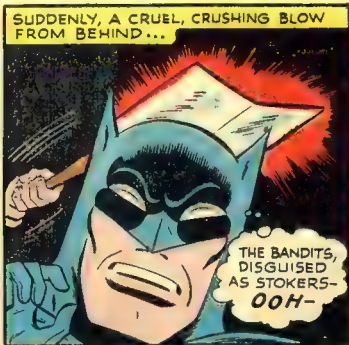








SO! THE WAREHOUSE BANDITS' LOOT, HIDDEN IN THIS COLD, UNUSED BOILER WHERE NOBODY WOULD DREAM OF LOOKING!



SUDDENLY, A CRUEL, CRUSHING BLOW FROM BEHIND...

THE BANDITS, DISGUISED AS STOKERS—
OOH—

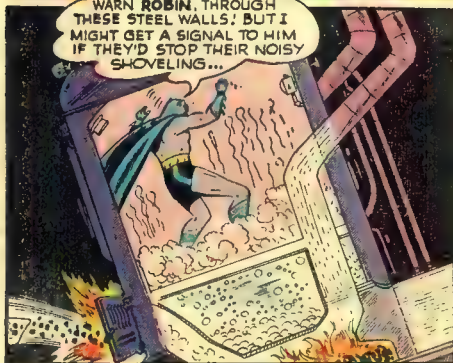


SOON, RECOVERING CONSCIOUSNESS...

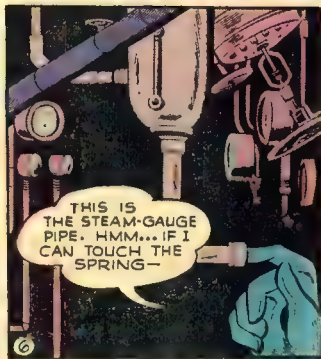
THEY LOCKED ME INSIDE ONE OF THE EMPTY BOILERS! AND—IT'S GETTING WARM!



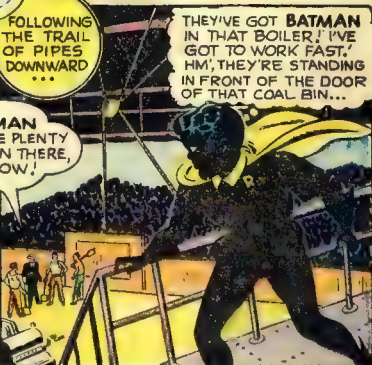
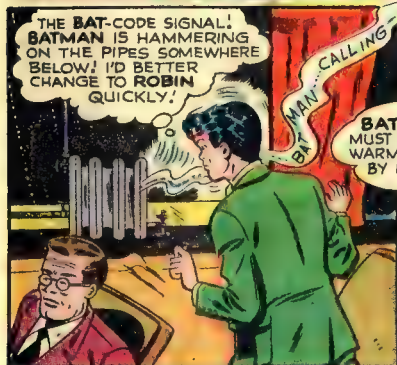
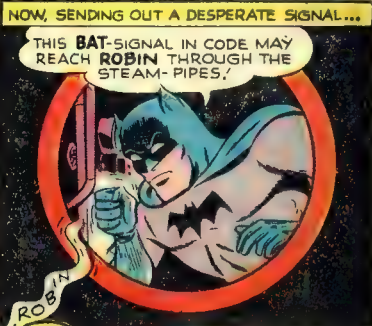
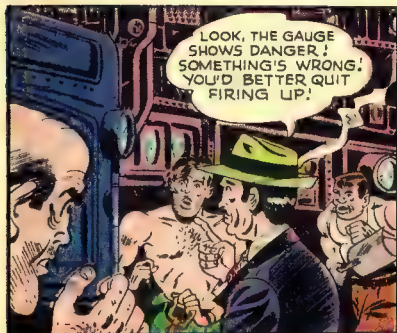
KEEP FIRING UNDER THAT BOILER HE'S LOCKED IN! IT'LL GET RID OF HIM FOR GOOD!

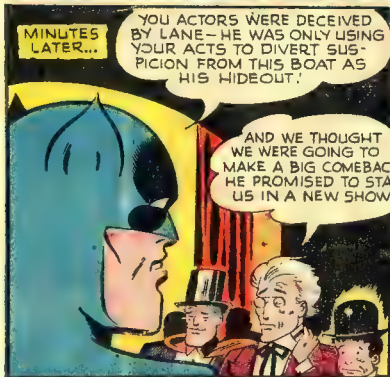
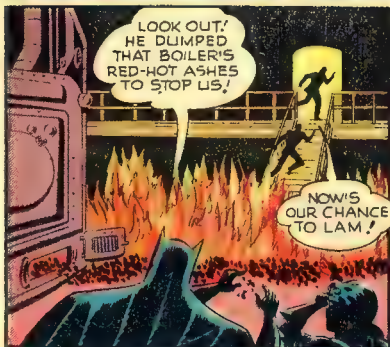
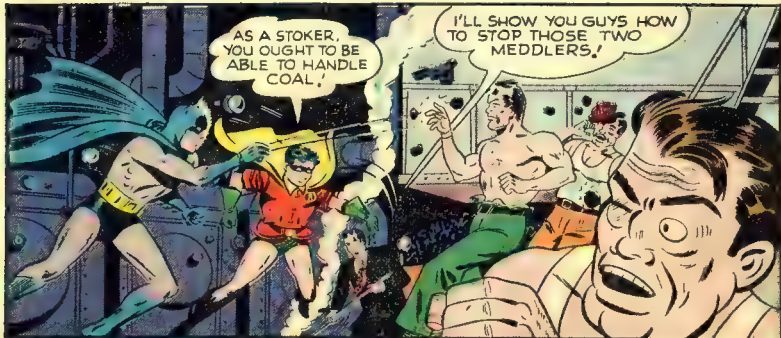


... CAN'T USE MY UTILITY-BELT RADIO TO WARN ROBIN, THROUGH THESE STEEL WALLS! BUT I MIGHT GET A SIGNAL TO HIM IF THEY'D STOP THEIR NOISY SHOVELING...



THIS IS THE STEAM-GAUGE PIPE. HMM... IF I CAN TOUCH THE SPRING—







RAPIDLY, BATMAN OUTLINES HIS PLAN...

...AND IN THAT WAY, YOU'LL REALLY GET YOUR BIG COME-BACK CHANCE, TOO!

WE'LL DO IT! EVEN IF WE NEVER GET ON THE STAGE AGAIN, THAT CROOK SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM DUPING OTHERS AS HE DID US!

NEXT DAY, POLICE REPORTERS ARE ASTONISHED!

MR. LANE, HAVE YOU ANY STATEMENT?

IT'S RUFUS LANE, WHO OWNED THE SHOWBOAT! HE MUST HAVE CLEARED HIMSELF WITH THE POLICE!

I ONLY WISH TO SAY THAT THE "OLD TROUPERS' REVUE", WITH THE GREATEST STAGE STARS OF THE PAST, WILL OPEN TONIGHT AT THE LYRIC THEATER!

SAY, THAT'S A REAL STORY!

LATER...

YOU GAVE A MARVELOUS IMPERSONATION OF LANE, MR. ROLFE!

TUSH, IT WAS NOTHING TO A REAL ACTOR, AND I DID NOT HAVE TO LIE, FOR I DIDN'T SAY I WAS LANE—THE REPORTERS JUST ASSUMED I WAS!

THE NEXT DAY, GOTHAM CITY PAPERS FEATURE A STORY THAT INTERESTS CERTAIN CROOKS IN HIDING!

DID YOU SQUARE YOURSELF WITH THE COPPERS AFTER SQUEALING ON US? HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS PICTURE?

IF YOU'VE DOUBLE-CROSSED US—

DON'T BE FOOLS! THIS IS A TRICK! ROLFE PROBABLY IMPERSONATED ME, SO HIS FRIENDS CAN PRESENT THEIR COME-BACK SHOW.

LOOKS LIKE IT'LL HAVE A SMASH OPENING!



HA! THERE'LL BE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN RECEIPTS AT THE BOX OFFICE-AND **BATMAN** HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA HOW WE CAN STEAL THEM!



THAT NIGHT, AS A CROWD POURS INTO THE THEATER TO SEE THE GREAT STARS OF YESTER-YEAR...



-LURKING FIGURES QUIETLY ENTER BY A LITTLE-USED SIDE DOOR!



I'LL GO TO THE BOX-OFFICE ALONE AND THEY'LL THINK I'M ROLFE IMPERSONATING MYSELF!



WE'LL BE READY WITH THIS GAG YOU THOUGHT UP, IF THERE'S ANY TROUBLE!

MR. ROLFE, YOU'RE SURE A DEAD RINGER FOR RUFUS LANE!



MY DOUBLE-IMPERSONATION IS WORKING!

I'LL TAKE THE RECEIPTS SO MY FRIENDS AND I CAN COUNT THEM!



BUT SUDDENLY-
THE DYNAMIC
DUO....

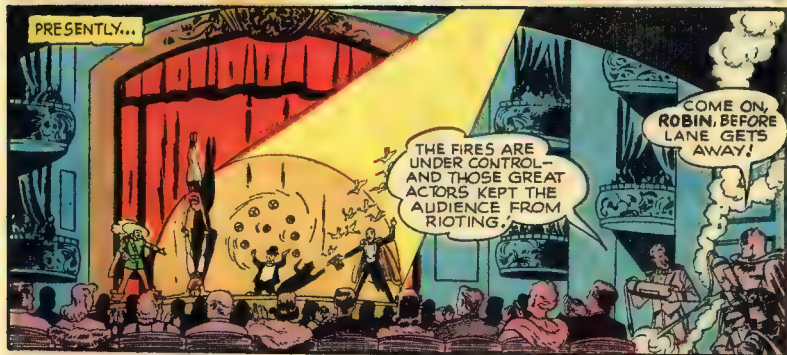


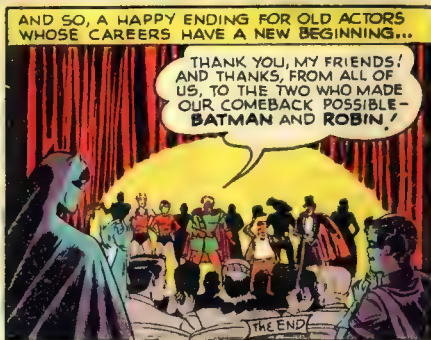
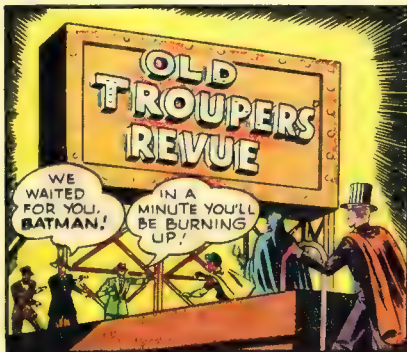
YOU FELL FOR THE BAIT AS I THOUGHT YOU WOULD, LANE! YOU COULDN'T RESIST IMPERSONATING YOUR IMPERSONATOR!



BUT WE CAME PREPARED FOR TRICKS-OUR INCENDIARY PISTOLS WILL GIVE YOU SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT!







FOLLOW THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE TEAM — BATMAN AND ROBIN —
IN WORLD'S FINEST, STAR SPANGLED AND DETECTIVE COMICS.

BOYS! GIRLS!

MAGNETIZED NEEDLE
ALWAYS POINTS
NORTH!



**HURRY! BE THE FIRST TO AMAZE
YOUR GANG WITH A GENUINE MAGNETIC**

NAVIGATOR'S COMPASS RING!

**REAL MAGNETIC NEEDLE
—ALWAYS POINTS NORTH!**



FITS ANY
FINGER!

PLASTIC DOME
LIKE NAVIGATOR'S BUBBLE
ON BIG PLANE!

GENUINE
NICKEL-PLATED
WON'T TARNISH!



You really know where you're going when you wear a GENUINE MAGNETIC NAVIGATOR'S COMPASS RING. A real scientific instrument, with a magnetized needle that always points to the North Magnetic Pole! You just turn the ring around so the "N" is under the needle - and you know just where all the other directions are too! That's how navigators have been doing it on ships for hundreds of years.

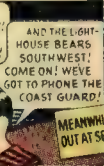
And boy, what a ring! Made with a lens-type transparent plastic dome - genuine nickel plated so it stays bright and shiny. Fits any finger, too. A sturdy good-looking well-made ring you'll be proud to wear! So hurry! Get your own GENUINE MAGNETIC NAVIGATOR'S COMPASS RING!



HEY NIP! THERE'S A GUY
FLASHING OUT THERE!
LOOKS LIKE AN S.O.S.



SEE? THREE SHORT...
THREE LONG... THREE SHORT!
AND MY COMPASS RING
SAYS ITS FAST NORTHEAST!



AND THE LIGHT-
HOUSE BEARS
SOUTHWEST!
COME ON! WE'VE
GOT TO PHONE THE
COAST GUARD!



MEANWHILE
OUT AT SEA



LATER: IN A NEARBY
FARMHOUSE...
THAT'S RIGHT, COMMANDER
THE S.O.S. CAME FROM
EAST-NORTHEAST AND
THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS
SOUTHWEST OF US!



HERE SHE COMES! THE
COAST GUARD HELICOPTER!

BOY! WATCH HER HEAD
EAST-NORTHEAST AS SOON
AS SHE GETS OVERHEAD!



...SO WE PICKED UP ALL
FOUR SURVIVORS...
THANKS TO YOUR
SPLENDID DIRECTIONS

AND THANKS TO OUR
NAVIGATOR'S
COMPASS
RINGS!



GREAT FOR HIKES! Especially in the woods, when snow covers your tracks. Always wear it!



FISHING WITH BADI! You be navigator... tell others how to get back if a fog comes up!

WHEN A PLANE GOES BY... Figure out its course, tell what city it's headed for.

WONDERFUL FUN - all year 'round!



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MAIL THIS COUPON NOW!

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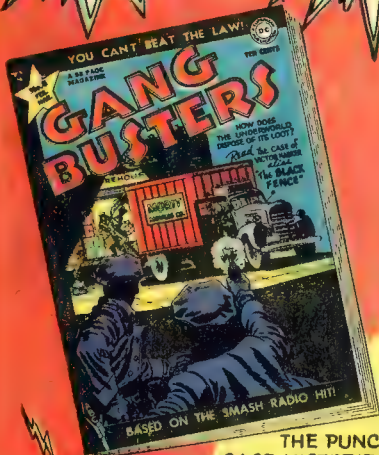
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EXCITEMENT!

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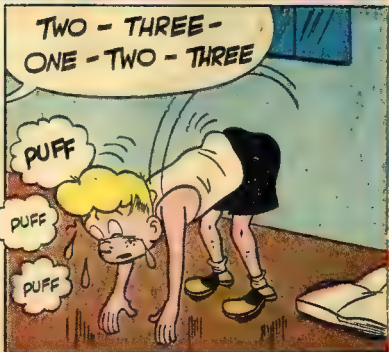
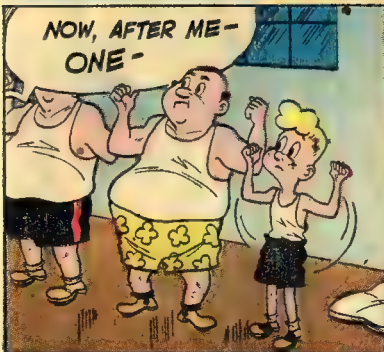
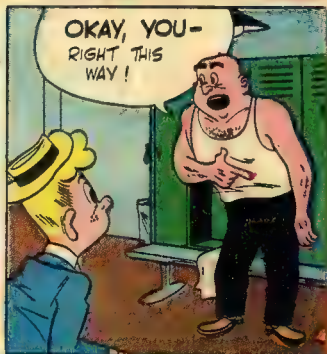
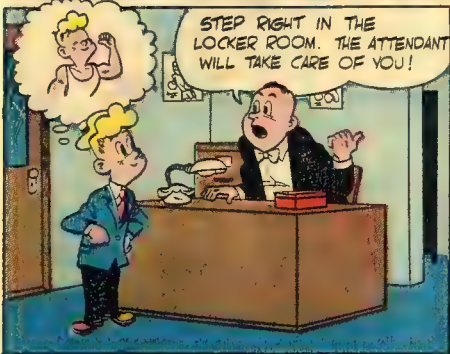
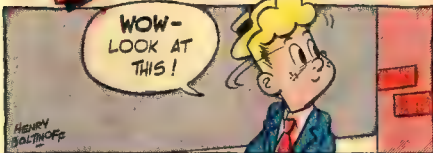


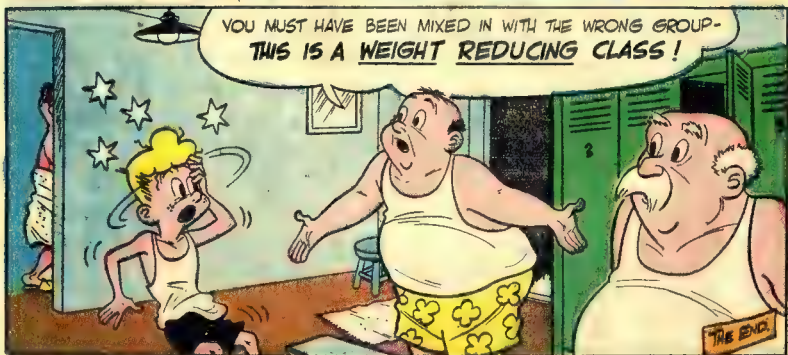
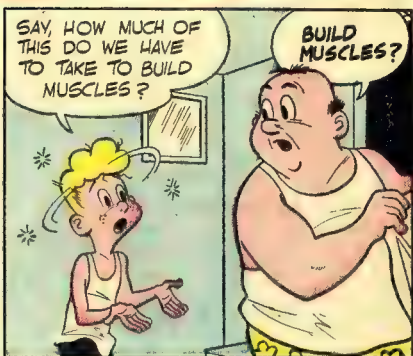
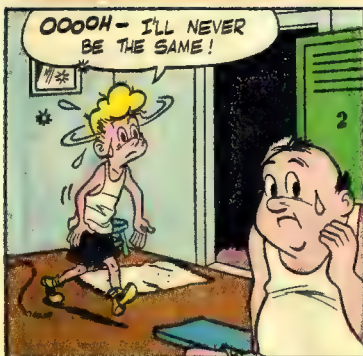
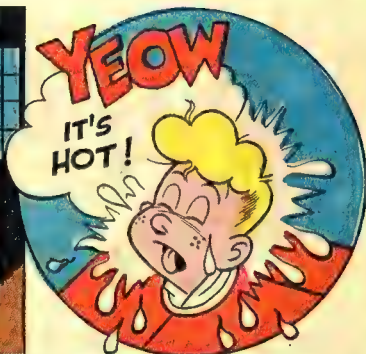
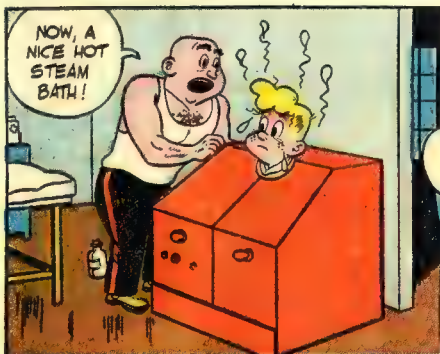
THE PUNCH-PACKED
CASE-HISTORIES OF MEN WHO
TRIED TO BEAT THE LAW—AND
OF THE LAWMEN WHO BEAT!
THEM TO THE FINAL DRAW.

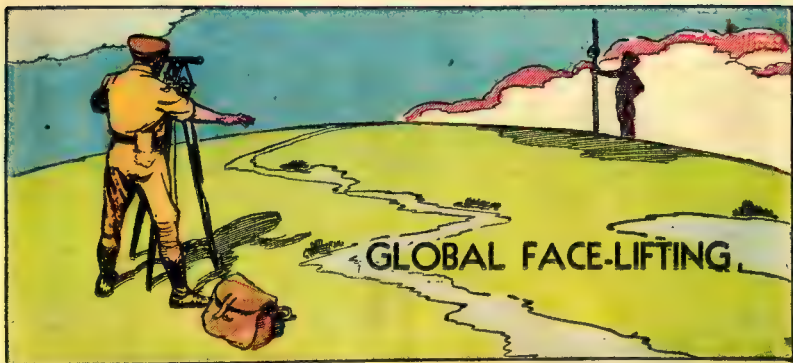


TOPS IN RADIO!
Now TOPS IN COMICS!

Shorty







WHAT do you think of when someone says, "Maps?"

If you're a school student, you probably think of sheets of paper, brightly colored, marked with lines, dots, curves, and blue areas denoting the oceans and lakes of the world.

But, if you cultivate the imagination to appreciate them, maps can be as thrilling as a movie or an exciting book. Everybody who looks at a globe or a map probably conjures up his own particular pictures. For instance, when you look at a map of South America, do you see a line marked "Amazon"—or do you see a dark river, the longest in the whole world, winding through jungles and falling down great cliffs to make wondrous waterfalls?

Can you imagine the path of that river as it flows mysteriously through miles of savage country? Can you picture the creatures that inhabit it—the crocodiles, the snarling alligators lurking in ancient mud, the scarlet and golden birds that sing in the trees which bend over this great river?

Or—let's look at a map of our own United States. When you see the pink, yellow and green rectangles marked out as states, think for a moment of the history which went into the making of those areas that are called the states.

Less than 200 years ago, most of those squares, rectangles and oblongs of color didn't exist. A great part of the continent was wild country and the boundaries were changing with every French and Indian War, with every purchase from a foreign power.

All over the world, it is history that makes maps. Geographical boundaries are only as permanent as peace!

Every map made before the Second World War is now practically useless and hopelessly out of date. Take the map of Japan, for example. Before 1945, Japan was an empire with millions of square miles of ill-gotten territory, and on the maps, Japan and her possessions looked pretty big. Now, she has been cut down to a small island kingdom made up of four islands in all.

And this leads us to the job of the present-day map-maker, or cartographer, as he is called in the trade.

Luckily for the map-makers, it isn't necessary to make entirely new maps to include all these changes. Old maps can be corrected by the printer although a popular map-making company has spent more than a hundred thousand dollars in the past two years trying to straighten out the face of the globe to make it jibe with the results of the war.

Travelers reporting back from India claimed that the boundaries of India and China touched. They thought they were in the Kashmir province of India. Not long after, the map-makers learned that the travelers had actually been in China's Sinkiang Province and not in India at all!

Europe itself has been altered four times since the end of the war by the Hammond Company, one of the largest map-makers.

Boundaries are only one of the problems confronting the map companies. Names of cities are another headache. Polish, Czechoslovakian and Hungarian names of cities which became part of Russia, were changed to Russian names. Wilno is now Vilna, and Lwow is Lvov, for instance.

The United Nations has been having a good deal of trouble with maps. Sometimes, the maps distributed by one government are not recognized by another. An extremely embarrassing incident occurred when an Austrian member of the U. N. requested a map of his country and received one showing Austria as a part of Hitler's Third Reich!

Today, certain maps distributed by the U. N. bear a rubber-stamp imprint, which cautions users that they are not official United Nations publications and that all responsibility for errors rests with the individual publisher of those specific maps.

The history of cartography is almost as old as the history of man himself. Maps have been found in ancient caves, etched into stone. Two of the oldest in existence but still well preserved are being exhibited at a museum in Italy. Drawn on papyrus sheets, they crudely depict gold mines in the Nubian desert of ancient Egypt.

It wasn't until the nineteenth century that map-making was regarded as the science we

know today. Before then, people sketched maps guided by their own ideas of the importance of a certain area. There was no established system of scale or standardization. Most significant of all, because world exploration was limited in scope, boundary lines and geographical sections were very inaccurate.

But today, there are few regions of the globe that have not been adequately explored for mapping purposes, although there is still much to be learned about the various mountain ranges, rivers, and the vast jungle areas of Asia, Africa, and South America.

On April 16th of this year, an Antarctic expedition returned after a year in the polar regions with a chart of the *last unknown coast region* of the earth, the southern shore of the Antarctic's Weddell Sea which juts out from that continent toward South America.

A leading map-making company recently put out an air-travel map for geography classes. This map has no national boundaries of any kind. As the president of the company said: "We just put in cities, because cities are people and nothing on earth matters so much as people."

That's a pretty swell idea to keep in mind when you look at a map. The symbol which represents a city also counts for all the people in that city—their history, their hopes for the future, and their contribution to the rest of the world!

So now, when you look at those colored pages in your geography and history books, you will perhaps understand a little better some of the problems which have gone into the making of maps the world over.

With the advent of world peace all over the globe, perhaps we can expect our present day maps to remain pretty much the same—at least, we can hope so!



BATMAN



BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

DON'T LOSE
YOUR COURAGE,
BATMAN AND
ROBIN... I AM
HERE TO SAVE
YOU!

CAN'T BELIEVE YOUR EYES? IMPOSSIBLE,
YOU SAY? THEN YOU'RE IN FOR SOME BIG
SURPRISES WHEN YOU READ THE AMAZING
SAGA OF...

**'THE WONDERFUL
MR. WIMBLE!'**

By **BOB
KANE**

YIPES!
WE'RE DONE FOR!
IT'S
**WONDERFUL
WIMBLE,**
THE MASTER,
MANHUNTER!

COISES!!



SOMEWHERE IN GOTHAM CITY, TWO MEN GRASP HANDS GRIMLY...

WE'RE TOO LATE! ROBIN'S A CAPTIVE OF THE **TERRIBLE TOBY** MOB! INSPECTOR WIMBLE, I NEED YOUR HELP IN THIS DARK HOUR!

YOU CAN RELY ON ME, **BATMAN!** I'M NOT CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCOTLAND YARD FOR NOTHING!

AND SUDDENLY THE KEEN EYES OF WIMBLE, TRAINED OBSERVER, PICK OUT THE VITAL CLUE...

LOOK! A FOOTPRINT... OF MARBLE DUST! THEY'VE TAKEN **ROBIN** TO THE LOCAL MARBLE QUARRY!

AN AMAZING DEDUCTION, WIMBLE!

SO, WITHOUT WASTING A SINGLE MINUTE, **BATMAN** AND **WIMBLE** SWOOP DOWN ON THEIR FOES!

IT'S **BATMAN** AND **WIMBLE!** WE'RE DONE FOR!

NICE GOING, WIMBLE!

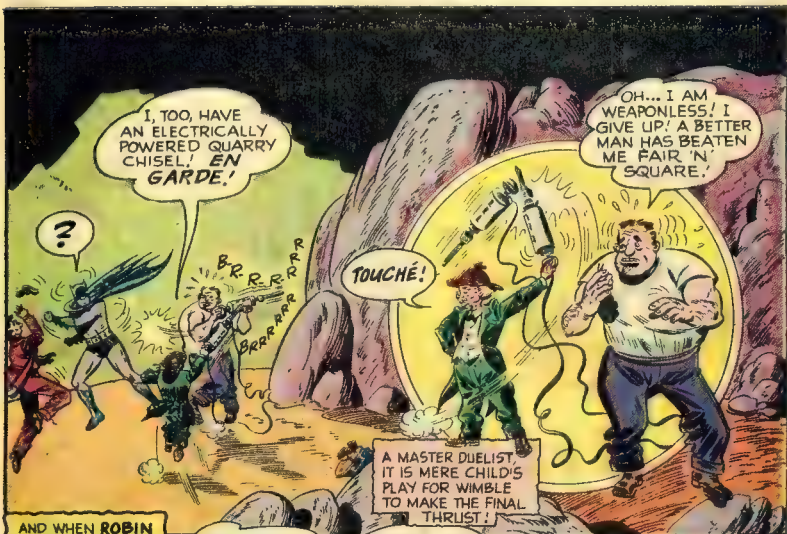
IT'S REALLY NOTHING, **BATMAN**—ONE OF MY LESS COMPLICATED CRIME-FIGHTING TECHNIQUES.

FIFTEEN AGAINST TWO, BUT BATTLING AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS IS NOTHING NEW TO **BATMAN** AND **WIMBLE**.

HO! HO! WIT' DIS ELECTRICALLY-POWERED QUARRY CHISEL, I'LL KILL **BATMAN**!

TERRIBLE TOBY!

ABRUPTLY...



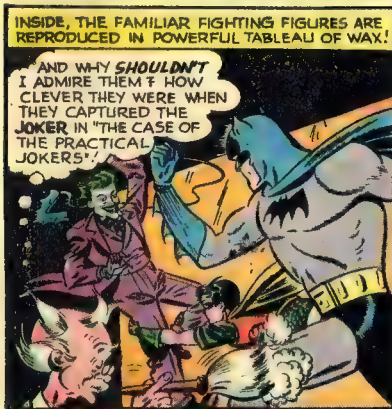
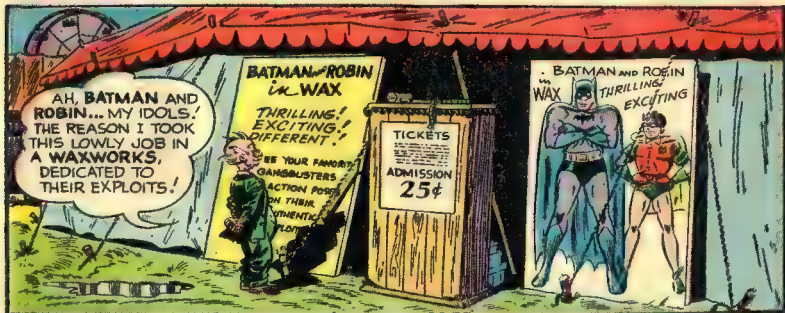
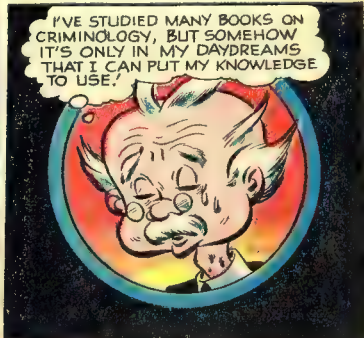
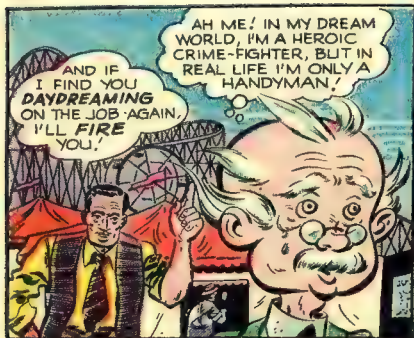
AND WHEN ROBIN IS FREED, WIMBLE, MODEST AS ARE ALL GREAT MEN, SEEKS TO AVOID THE GRATITUDE OF HIS FRIENDS!

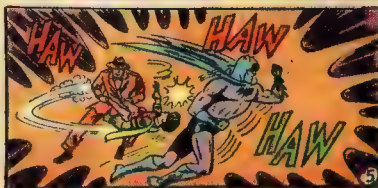
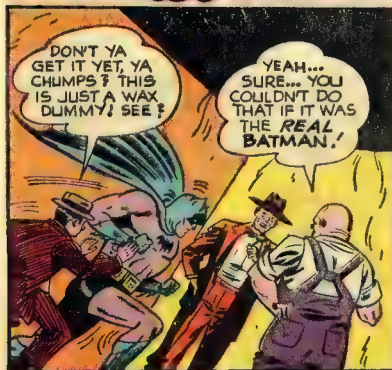
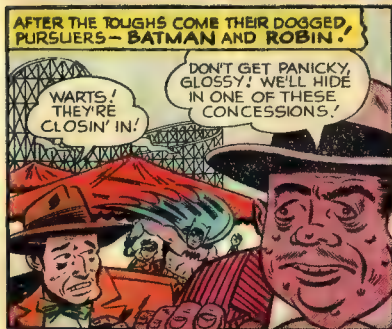
WE WANT TO THANK YOU! WIMBLE! DON'T YOU HEAR ME? WIMBLE!

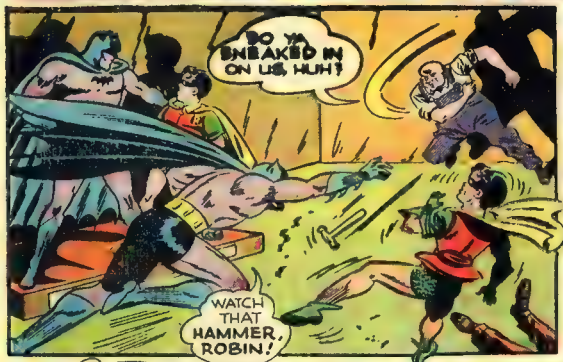
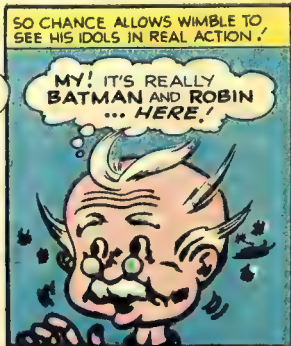
PLEASE...NO... IT WAS ONLY IN THE LINE OF DUTY...

WAIT, WIMBLE!











SO LONG, WIMBLE... MAYBE WE'LL BE MEETING AGAIN!

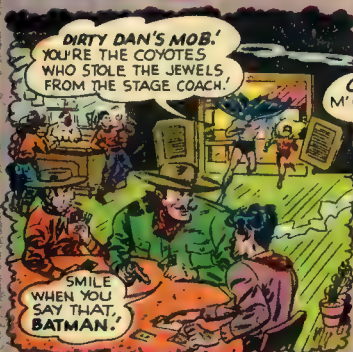
!!!! "MEETING AGAIN!!"

I CAN SEE IT ALL NOW...

POP!

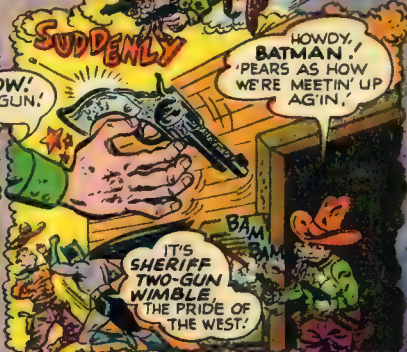
WHOOSH

AND ONCE AGAIN WIMBLE SLIPS INTO THE DAYDREAM WORLD OF HIS OWN THOUGHTS...



DIRTY DAN'S MOB! YOU'RE THE COYOTES WHO STOLE THE JEWELS FROM THE STAGE COACH!

SMILE WHEN YOU SAY THAT, BATMAN.

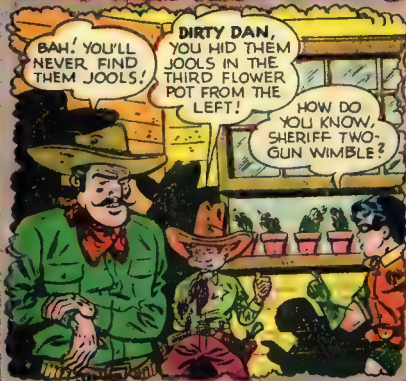


SUDDENLY

OW! M'GUN!

HOWDY, BATMAN! 'PEARS AS HOW WE'RE MEETIN' UP AG'IN.

IT'S SHERIFF TWO-GUN WIMBLE THE PRIDE OF THE WEST!



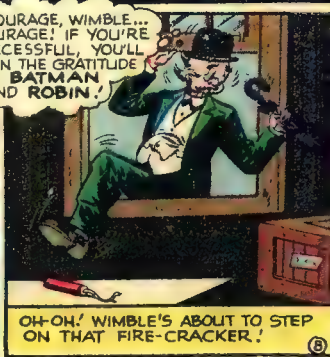
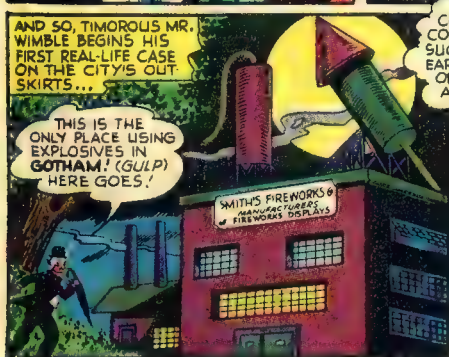
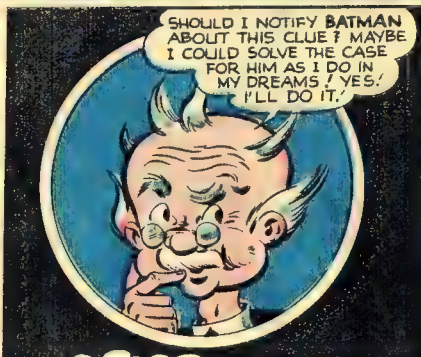
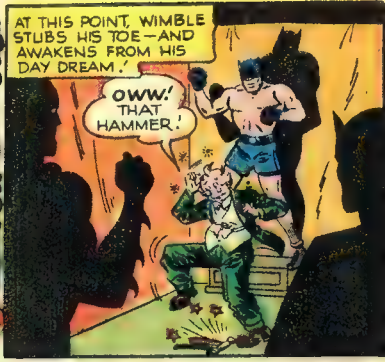
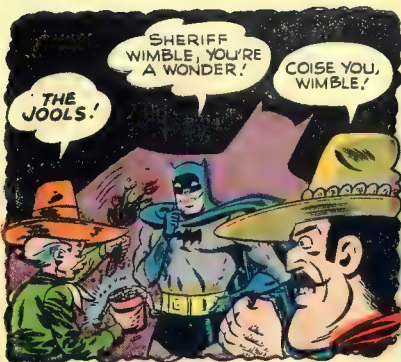
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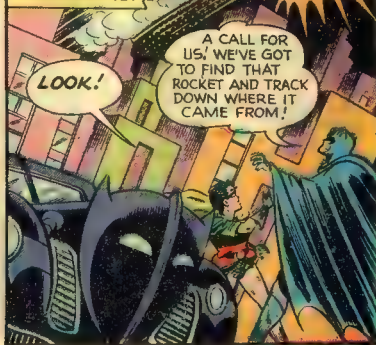
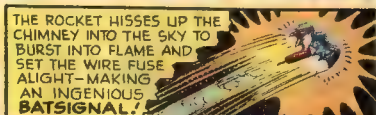
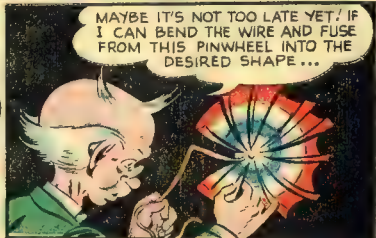
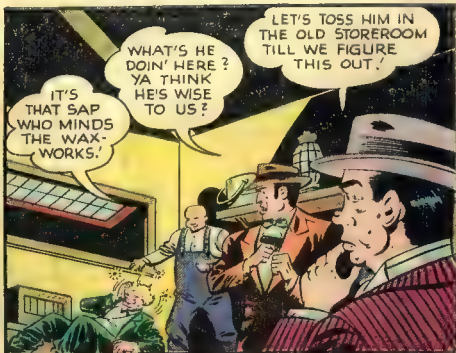
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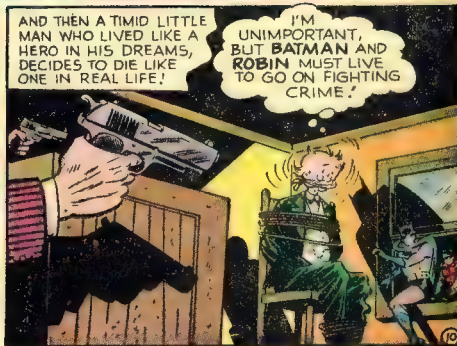
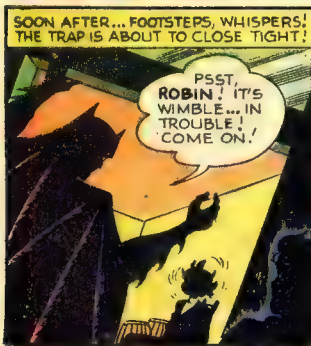
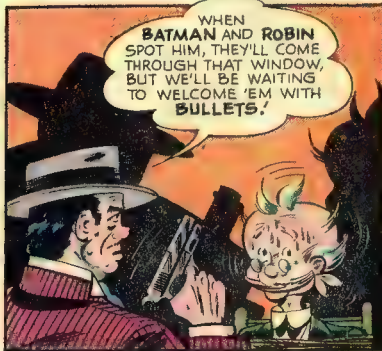
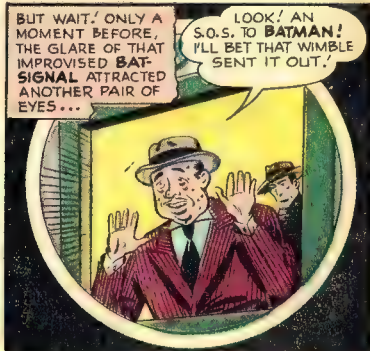
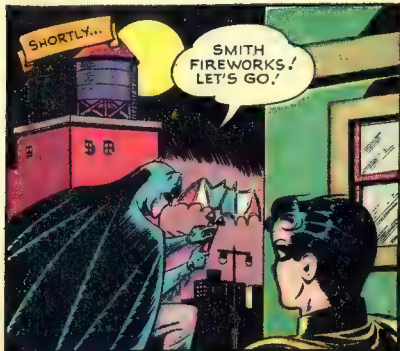
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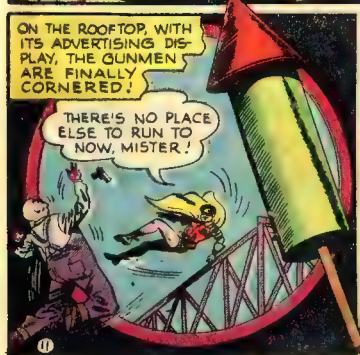
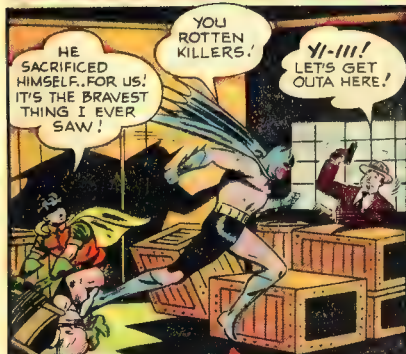
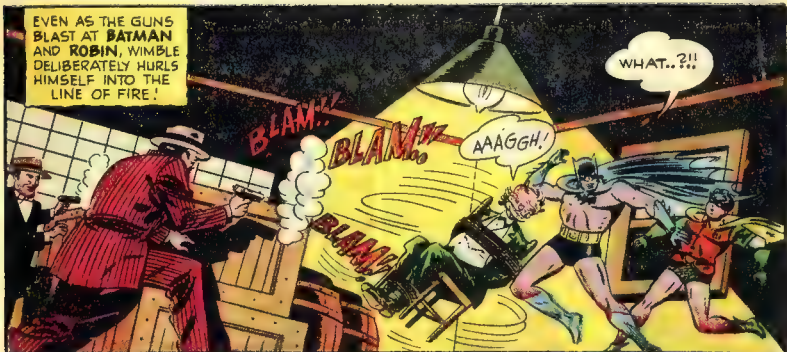


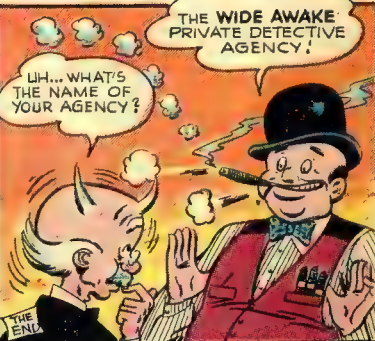
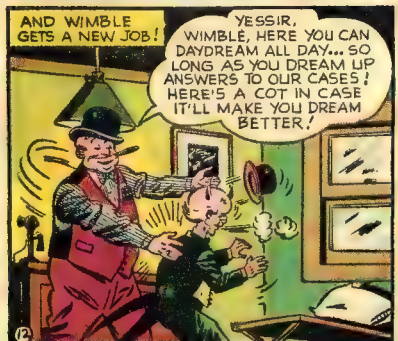
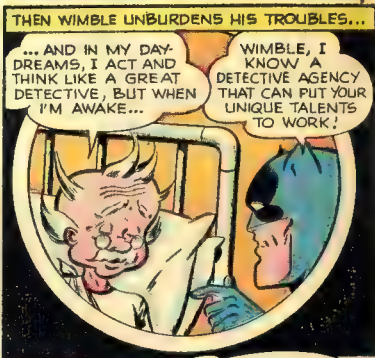
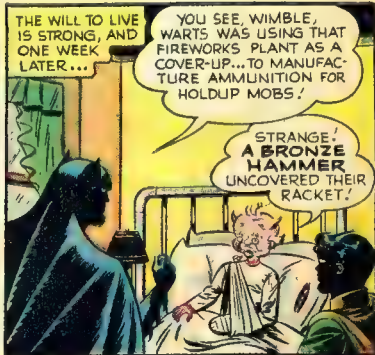
SON, THE LEAVES ON THE OTHER POTS TURN TO THE SUN, BUT THESE LEAVES TURN AWAY FROM IT! THAT MEANS SOME HOMBRE MOVED THEM LEAVES AN' FERGOT TO POINT THEM RIGHT AGAIN!

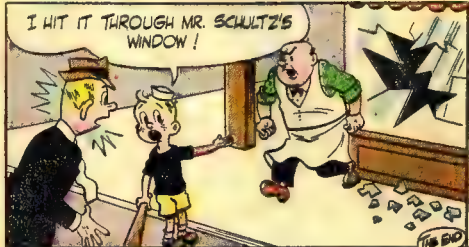
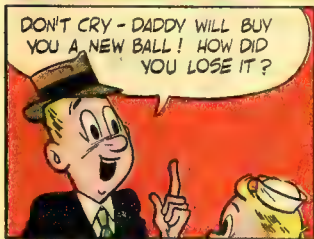
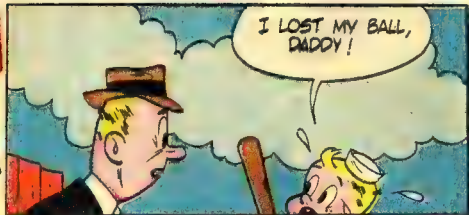
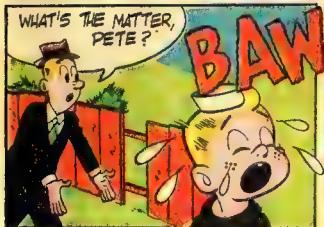
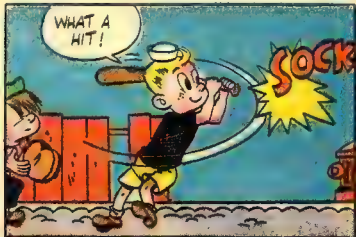












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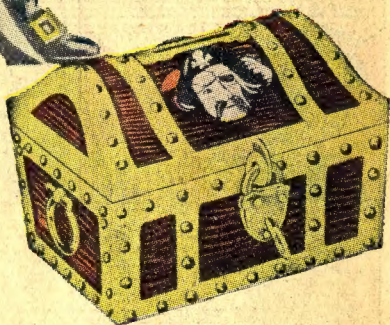


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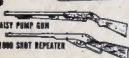


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